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MEMORANDUM FOR RETIRED MARINES



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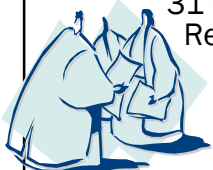
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The deadline for
submitting resumes
for the SECNAV RC
enlisted vacancy is
31 Oct. 2003.

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The Latest on the Combat Related Special Compensation Program

Important Note: The CRSC Branch recommends that you make a copy of your original application for your records. Mail the original and supporting documents using the return receipt method; this will serve as an acknowledgement that your package was received by the CRSC Branch. To check the status of your package, contact them by letter if you have not received an initial response within 60 to 90 days. Based on the date you provide, the CRSC Branch will respond to you by letter with a status update.

Statistics. In its first month of operation, the Navy CRSC Branch has received more than 2,200 applications. The Department of Defense estimates that they will process more than 25,000 applications over the first two years of the CRSC Program. Of the initial 2,200 applications, a large portion is moving toward decision; 126 cases have reached final determination. Of the remaining applications, approximately 60% are delayed as the CRSC Branch attempts to retrieve documents from archival agencies. Because accurate, complete and legible applications with solid documentation will greatly enhance the CRSC Branch's ability to efficiently finalize your case, the following guidance is provided to assist you do just that:

Documentation. Because the CRSC Branch must verify the information you provide, the burden is upon you to include supporting documents to the

best of your ability; you may significantly delay your case if you fail to do so. The CRSC Branch can only assume you have made every attempt to retrieve the necessary documents from various archival agencies and cannot guarantee they will be able to retrieve the required documentation for you. According to DoD guidance for the CRSC Program, while the CRSC Branch has significant flexibility in the types of documentation they can consider, they have very little flexibility in that they must view your documentation to support your application!



What happens after you submit your application?

Incoming applications are immediately opened, date stamped and filed in a holding shelf with other applications in the order received. A CRSC case builder enters specific information from each application into a database, generating an acceptance letter that is mailed to each applicant. This is the most efficient method to inform you that your package has been received by the CRSC Branch. The drawback, however, is that the volume of impending cases may delay an immediate response from them. Your first notification from the CRSC Branch is a preliminary review of your package and means your case has met the required general criteria. At this stage, your package is awaiting a more detailed review from the case and medical officers for completeness and determination eligibility.

See CRSC Update, Page 8, Col. 1

A Message from the...
Head, Retired Activities Section
(MMSR-6):

Hello, and welcome to my comments from this superb link of information. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve, and yes, I WILL support our community without any hesitation. Bill Hicks was a master of his craft and provided me with a grandiose turnover, rich in knowledge, material and personnel. Thus, we will continue to move at a double-time pace.

As a reminder, my staff of personnel from Marines to civilians are truly professional. They are always courteous and concerned regarding any of your uncertainties, coupled by the utmost respect they have for "ALL" who call this headquarters. Without a doubt, I am truly blessed to have such a dedicated and positive group of Marines and civilians.

Occasionally, the question on uniform clothing surfaces. Your NAVMC #2642 (Marine Corps Retirement Guide, dated 1997, with two changes in 2000), Chapter 5-1 Uniform Clothing states: "Per the reference former service members may wear the uniform (highest grade) who have served honorably and/or under the following occasions (i.e., funerals, weddings, parades, etc.) to include ceremonies. As stated per the ref(s), you do have a choice of wearing the uniform currently worn or the uniform worn at the time of retirement always remembering serviceability and fit."

About the Combat-Related Special Compensation: **Our office does not make CRSC determinations!** If you have online access, you can view information on the CRSC at https://lnweb1.manpower.usmc.mil/manpower/mi/mra_ofct.nsf/mmsr/Retired+Activities+Hot+News. Online users can download the application at <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/crsc/dd2860.pdf>. If you do not have online access, call MMSR-6. The special compensation will give back to the retired Marine whatever amount was being offset from the retired pay due to VA disability compensation with an effective date of 1 June 2003. For additional questions, contact the Naval Council of Personnel Board, CRSC Branch at 1-877-366-2772 or visit their website at <http://www.hq.navy.mil/ncpb>.

As a retired Marine, I'll always solicit your recommendations, corrective criticism and yes, complimentary remarks. **REMEMBER, I WORK FOR YOU!** Therefore, if you have any questions, please contact me via e-mail or by phone.

Semper Fi,

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Has Your Dependent ID Card Expired?

While the status of a retired Marine's identification card remains indefinite, that is not the case for his or her family members. ID cards for family members will expire after four years with the exception of college students. ID cards for college students expire when they reach 23. Incapacitated family members must be established as such before they reach 21. Do not let time pass you by before renewing an ID card for a family member. After years of inactivity, your data could be purged from the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS). You will then have to resubmit documents to reestablish eligibility. Misplaced or lost documents may be costly and time consuming to obtain. If the ID cards for your family members are not current, contact your nearest DEERS/Realtime Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS) Center for assistance:

DEERS Support Office

- ☆ Write: Attn: COA; 400 Gigling Road
Seaside, Calif. 93955
- ☆ In California call: 1-800-334-4162
- ☆ In Alaska and Hawaii call: 1-800-527-5602
- ☆ Other areas call: 1-800-538-9552
- ☆ Fax: (408) 655-8317

Submit address changes to update DEERS online or by e-mail:

<https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/swg/owa/webguard.login?appl=9012&rule=02>

E-mail: addrinfo@osd.pentagon.mil

Locate your nearest DEERS/RAPIDS Center online:

<http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsi>

Questions? Call MMSR-6 at 1-800-336-4649,
 (703) 784-9310 or fax: (703) 784-9834

How to Access the Semper Fidelis Online:

Go to www.usmc.mil. Note that it may take several seconds (or even longer) before ten links will appear on your screen. The links are located next to the slogan, "The Few. The Proud." Click on the link "Career," and "Retired," which will direct you to the "Retired Activities Home Page." There, you should see the link to the *Semper Fidelis* and other retired-related information.

Semper Fidelis Directory Pages

While requests for inclusion in this column are accepted from non-profit organizations, we will run them on a rotational basis. Report incorrect information to the Editor (MMSR-6).

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4085 Pacific Hwy., San Diego, Calif. 92110

FIRST MARINE DIV. ASSN: (703) 803-3195
14325 Willard Rd., Ste. 107, Chantilly, Va. 20151-2110
E-MAIL: oldbreed@aol.com

FLEET RESERVE ASSN: 1-800-FRA-1924
FAX: (703) 549-6610, www.fra.org

KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSN: (703) 522-9629
P.O. Box 10806, Arlington, Va. 22210, www.kwva.org

MARINE CORPS ASSN: 1-800-622-1775
715 Broadway, Box 1775, Quantico, Va. 22134
www.mca-marines.org

MARINE CORPS AVIATION ASSN: 1-800-280-3001
www.flymcaa.org

MARINE CORPS COORDINATING COUNCIL OF OKLAHOMA, INC.
1420 Evergreen Cir., Midwest City, Okla. 73110, E-MAIL:
OklahomaMarines@cox.net, www.OklahomaMarines.org

MARINE CORPS ENGINEER ASSN: (910) 346-8803
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MARINE CORPS FOOD SERVICE ASSN INC:
(501) 982-8930, www.usmcfsa.com
1001 McArthur Dr., Jacksonville, Ark. 72026

MARINE CORPS LEAGUE: 1-800-MCL-1775
www.mcleague.org

MARINE CORPS MUSICIANS ASSN: (661) 821-1683, E-MAIL:
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MARINE CORPS MUSTANG ASSN INC: 1-800-321-USMC
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MARINE CORPS RECRUITERS: (972) 625-0720, (352) 726-5622
E-MAIL: dandodie@earthlink.net or spinelli@atlantic.net

MARINE CORPS RESERVE OFFICERS ASSN: 1-800-927-6270
(703) 630-3772, E-MAIL: mcroaexdir@aol.com

MARINE EMBASSY GUARD ASSN: www.embassymarine.org

MARINE EXECUTIVE ASSN: (703) 327-3323
www.Marineea.org

NAVY MUTUAL AID ASSN: 1-800-628-6011
(703) 614-1638, www.navyymutual.org
E-MAIL: info@navymutual.org

SECOND MARINE DIV. ASSN: (910) 451-3167 www.2marine.com
P.O. Box 8180; Camp Lejeune, N.C. 28547

TANKERS ASSN: (760) 439-7435
FAX: (760) 439-7451, www.mcta2000.org,
E-MAIL: xsecmcta@juno.com
P.O. Box 3077; Oceanside, Calif. 92051

THIRD MARINE DIV. ASSN: www.caltrap.com
P.O. Box 254, Chalfont, Pa. 18914-0254, (215) 822-9094

VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS: www.va.gov/vso

VIETNAM HELICOPTERS ASSN: (540) 364-9424
www.popasmoke.com

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA, INC. (202) 628-2700
www.vva.org, E-MAIL: 71154.702@compuserve.com

WOMEN MARINES ASSN: 1-888-525-1943
www.womenmarines.org
P.O. Box 10128; Moreno Valley, Calif. 92552
E-MAIL: WMA@womenmarines.org

1ST MARINE DIV. ASSN: (703) 803-3195
www.1stmarinedivisionassociation.org

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FEDERAL LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE PROGRAM:
1-800-582-3337, www.ltcfeds.com

MEDICARE: 1-800-633-4227, www.medicare.gov

NATIONAL MAIL ORDER PHARMACY: 1-800-903-4680
www.tricare.osd.mil

Effective 1 July 2003, the TRICARE Information Call Center will have new hours of operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., EST (excluding federal holidays). Please be aware that all calls are answered in English only. TRICARE Management Activity National toll-free numbers are:

SENIOR PHARMACY PROGRAM: 1-877-363-6337
TRICARE FOR LIFE: 1-888-363-5433
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Obtain assistance in resolving beneficiary problems
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TRICARE HELP ELECTRONIC MAIL SYSTEM:
TRICARE_Help@amedd.army.mil

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www.ddpdelta.org

TRICARE SENIOR PHARMACY PROGRAM: 1-877-363-6337

TRICARE SUPPORT OFFICE: www.tricare.osd.mil
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TRICARE SOUTHWEST, REGION 6: 1-800-406-2832
(Ark., La.-western-, Okla., Texas-except El Paso)

TRICARE CENTRAL, REGION 7/8: 1-888-874-9378
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TRICARE PACIFIC: 1-800-242-6788 (Alaska and Hawaii)

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<http://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool>

FEDERAL STUDENT AID INFORMATION RESOURCE CENTER:
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VA EDUCATION CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICE: 1-888-442-4551
www.gbill.va.gov

MARINE CORPS SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATION: 1-800-292-7777
FAX: (609) 452-2259, P.O. Box 3008, Princeton, N.J.
08543-3008, E-MAIL: mcsf@marine-scholars.org
www.marine-scholars.org

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340 N. Westlake Blvd., Ste. 260
Westlake Village, Calif. 91362-7036

FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION, INC: www.fisherhouse.org
1-888-294-8560, FAX: (301) 294-8562
1401 Rockville Pike, Ste. 600; Rockville, Md. 20852
E-MAIL: FisherHouse@aol.com

FLYING LEATHERNECK HISTORICAL FOUNDATION:
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E-MAIL: flhf@flyingleathernecks.org

HOSPICE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA: 1-800-854-3402
FAX: (202) 638-5312, www.hospicefoundation.org
2001 S St., N.W. #300; Washington, D.C. 20009

MARINE CORPS HERITAGE FOUNDATION: 1-800-397-7585
(703) 640-7961 www.marineheritage.org
E-MAIL: info@marineheritage.org

MARINE CORPS VIETNAM TANKERS HISTORICAL FOUNDATION:
(253) 835-9083, 707 S.W. 350th Ct.; Federal Way, Wash.
98023-8104, E-MAIL: USMCVTFoundation@aol.com

MARINE CORPS UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION: www.mcuf.org
(703) 640-6835, 1-888-368-5341, FAX: (703) 640-6177
P.O. Box 122; Quantico, Va. 22134-0122
E-MAIL: mcuf@mcuf.org

MARINE TOYS FOR TOTS FOUNDATION: (703) 640-9433
FAX: (703) 640-0917, www.toysfortots.org
P.O. Box 1947; Quantico, Va. 22134
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ARMED FORCES RETIREMENT HOMES: www.afrh.com

- United States Naval Home, Attn: Resident Affair Office,
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1-800-332-3527, (228) 896-3110
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www.aafes.com, www.usmc-mccs.org

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COLD WAR CERTIFICATE: <http://coldwar.army.mil>
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200 Stovall St.; Alexandria, Va. 22332-0473
FAX: 1-800-723-9262, (703) 325-2167

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E-MAIL: duffypc@tecom.usmc.mil

MARINE CORPS AVIATION RECONNAISSANCE ASSN. INC:
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901 M St., S.E., Bldg. 58; Washington Navy Yard
Washington, D.C. 20374-5040

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P.O. Box 17413, Washington, D.C. 20041

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MCB CAMP PENDLETON - (760) 725-5304/5194
FAX: (760) 725-5609
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FAX: (760) 830-1647
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FAX: (760) 577-6110
MCB CAMP LEJEUNE - (910) 451-3041, FAX: (910) 451-9605
MCRD PARRIS ISLAND - (843) 525-2976, FAX: (843) 228-2872
MCAS BEAUFORT - (843) 522-1663
MCCDC QUANTICO - (703) 630-4444, FAX: (703) 630-4499
RESERVATIONS: 1-800-965-9511

☆ PAY ISSUES (RETIRED MARINES AND ANNUITANTS):

DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE: www.dfas.mil

Retired Marines (7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Mon.-Fri., EST)

DFAS, U.S. Military Retirement Pay
P.O. Box 7130, London, Ky. 40742-7130
CASUALTY REPORTING: 1-800-321-1080
CUSTOMER SERVICE: 1-800-321-1080
FAX: 1-800-469-6559 (no voice communication)
OUTSIDE THE UNITED STATES: (216) 522-5955

Special Compensation for Severely Disabled:

DFAS, P.O. Box 998011
Cleveland, Ohio 44199-8011
(216) 522-6170, 1-800-321-1080
FAX: 1-800-469-6559

Annuityants:

DFAS, U.S. Military Annuity Pay, P.O. Box 7131
London, Ky. 40742-7131
CUSTOMER SERVICE: 1-800-321-1080
FAX: 1-800-982-8459

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ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY: (703) 695-3255
(703) 697-9486, www.arlingtoncemetery.org

DFAS CASUALTY REPORTING: 1-800-321-1080

NATIONAL CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION: 1-800-827-1000
www.va.gov/cemetery/index.htm

TRAGEDY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR SURVIVORS, INC:
1-800-959-8277, www.taps.org

VA BENEFITS AND ASSISTANCE: 1-800-827-1000, www.va.gov

VA INSURANCE CENTER: 1-800-669-8477

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AIR MOBILITY COMMAND (SPACE-A TRAVEL):
<http://public.amc.af.mil/SPACEA/spacea.htm>

ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTER, EUROPE:
www.afrc europe.com
 E-MAIL: vacation@afrc.garmisch.army.mil

ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTER, FLA:
Shades of Green (located on Walt Disney World property)
 1-888-593-2242, (407) 824-3600, www.shadesofgreen.org

ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTER, HAWAII:
 1-800-367-6027, FAX: 1-800-HALE-FAX

ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTER, KOREA:
 011-82-2-790-0016, FAX: 011-82-2-790-1576

ARMED FORCES RECREATION CENTER, TOKYO:
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www.thenewsanno.com

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 1-800-724-9988 (to book a space-available unit you will need account #7033-0000 and installation #227)

FORT RICHARDSON SEWARD RESORT, ALASKA: 1-800-770-1858
www.usarak.army.mil/framwr/seward.htm

NAVY LODGE WORLDWIDE RESERVATIONS CENTER:
 1-800-NAVY-INN, www.navy-nex.com/lodge

STATE DEPARTMENT TRAVEL WARNINGS: <http://travel.state.gov>
 Hotline for American Travelers: (202) 647-5225

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Attention, Enlisted Retired Marines!

Submit Your Resume Today for the Secretary of Navy's Retiree Council!

The deadline is near, but the search continues to fill an enlisted vacancy on the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council (SECNAV RC).

As an RC volunteer, you will be invited yearly to review legislation and advise the SECNAV on various issues involving the retired Marine Corps community. Also, RC members advise commands in their geographical area on planning and conducting retiree seminars. Members are subject to annual re-appointment, but normally will not serve beyond three years. Each selected member will be recalled to active duty and issued temporary active-duty orders. The government pays for travel and lodging expenses.

If you are interested, send a resume highlighting any involvement with military/retiree associations and organizations, experience or background in public affairs/public relations, information technology/computer skills and experience or background in finance or financial management.

The deadline for resume submissions is 31 October 2003. Mail or fax your resume to:

Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps
 (MMSR-6)
 3280 Russell Road
 Quantico, Va. 22134-5103
 Fax: (703) 784-9834



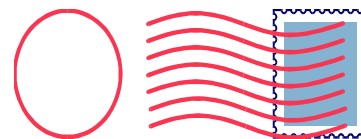
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DD Form 214s and Medical Records

NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORDS CENTER
 MILITARY PERSONNEL RECORDS
 9700 Page Blvd.; St. Louis, Mo. 63132-5100
 (314) 801-0800, Fax: (314) 801-9195

A veteran or next-of-kin of a deceased veteran may initiate an online request for a DD 214 by visiting:
<http://www.vetreecs.archives.gov>

NOTE: Online submissions must be followed up with a signature that is mailed in by the veteran or next of kin. For those without online access, you may submit your request by writing a letter. Provide the veteran's full name, SSN, mailing address, daytime telephone number, applicable service number, branch of service, dates of service, type of information needed (e.g., DD 214, medical records), reason for the request and the veteran's or next of kin's signature on the request.



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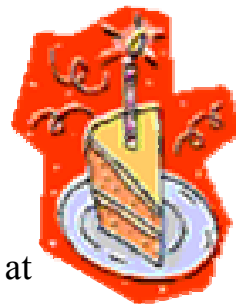
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 3280 Russell Road, Quantico, Va. 22134-5103

Marine Corps Retiree Birthday Ball at MCB, Quantico, Virginia!

It's not too late to plan for the Marine Corps Birthday Ball that will be held on 10 Nov. 2003, at the Clubs at Quantico.



The last day to order tickets is 22 Sept. Attendance is limited to 250 persons.

Contact Sandy Antonik at (703) 784-3351 or retiredactivities@nt.quantico.usmc.mil for more information.

Update, From cover page

The CRSC benefit is retroactive to the extent of the law but in no case earlier than 1 June 2003. Processing time of your application does not affect the amount of the CRSC benefit you may eventually receive.



Website. Those with online access may visit the CRSC homepage on the Naval Council of Personnel Boards at <http://www.hq.navy.mil/ncpb>. The CRSC Branch expects to update information on case volume and track status on cases currently undergoing initial processing.

VA News**Government Grave Marker Requests Made Easier**

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has revised its application form to make requesting a VA grave marker easier. The new form, *Application For Standard Government Headstone or Marker* (VA Form 40-1330), includes updated information about changes that expand eligibility for a government marker. The new form and instruction sheets also permit better communication between the VA and veterans' families. For deaths on or after 11 Sept. 2001, Public Laws 107-103 and 107-330 made government markers available for use on veterans' graves that were already marked with privately furnished headstones or markers. Previous law prevented VA from furnishing markers when a grave was already marked. The laws require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to report to Congress by 1 Feb. 2006, on the effectiveness of this benefit and to recommend whether it should continue. One of the changes made to the application form will allow VA to report on this new benefit by tracking its use. In Jan. 2002, the VA introduced a toll-free fax service for submitting applications that is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, as an alternative to regular mail. Instructions, as well as the fax number, 1-800-455-7143, are online at www.cem.va.gov. The application form on the website can be completed and printed for submitting by mail or fax. Direct any questions about a headstone or marker application to the VA Memorial Programs Service applicant assistance unit at 1-800-697-6947.

Certain Veterans May Be Eligible for Copayment Refunds

Veterans insured by the Hartford Life Insurance Company or the USAA Life Insurance Company may be eligible for a refund of their VA copayments. In a recent settlement with the VA and a coalition of insurance industry groups, Hartford and USAA paid VA approximately \$11.1 million. The settlement involves payments for care provided by VA to insured veterans with Medicare or TRICARE supplemental coverage from 1 Jan. 1995 through 31 Dec. 2001. "This settlement clarifies the claims reimbursement process," said VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi. "It not only resolves the litigation but also reimburses those veterans whose copayments to VA should have been covered by their insurance." Veterans insured by Hartford or USAA who paid VA copayments for VA medical care they received from 1 Jan. 1995 through 31 Dec. 2001 may ask VA for a refund of their copayments on a first-come, first-served basis. All requests for refunds must be postmarked by 1 April 2004. The VA will notify by mail those veterans who may be eligible for refunds according to records on file. Other veterans who believe they may be eligible for a refund may obtain a claims application form by calling 1-866-258-2772 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., EST, Monday through Friday. Applications are also available online at www.va.gov/hottopic/.

TRICARE News

Do you know where you stand in terms of priority for treatment in a Military Treatment Facility (MTF)? The levels of priority are:



Priority 1 – Active-duty service members;

Priority 2 – Active-duty family members who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime (Survivors of military sponsors who died while in active-duty status who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime are included in this category during the time period that they are eligible.) Active-duty family members who are enrolled in TRICARE Plus are included in this category for primary care appointments only;

Priority 3 – Retirees, their family members and survivors who are enrolled in TRICARE Prime;

Priority 4 – Active-duty family members who are not enrolled in TRICARE Prime. (Survivors of military sponsors who died while in active-duty

status who are not enrolled in TRICARE Prime are in this priority group.) These beneficiaries may be able to enroll in the TRICARE Plus Program to receive primary care at an MTF;

Priority 5 - Retirees, their family members and survivors who are not enrolled in TRICARE Prime. (These beneficiaries may be able to enroll in the TRICARE Plus Program to receive primary care at an MTF) and

Priority 6 - All other eligible persons not included in categories one through five.

Portability Transfer

TRICARE Prime enrollees keep Prime coverage when they move or travel within the same TRICARE region, or when they move or travel to a different TRICARE region. The regional contractor will continue to provide coverage, subject to normal referral and authorization rules, until the beneficiary transfers enrollment to the contractor for the new location. If the beneficiary relocates to a Prime service area within the same region, there is no change of contractor. All the beneficiary has to do is update the enrollment records with the new address and select a new primary care manager (PCM). This can either be done by visiting the servicing TRICARE Service Center (TSC) or by mail, using the change request form for the region of enrollment. Since there is no change of region, there is no change in the enrollment payment process. If the enrollee is relocating to a Prime service area in a different TRICARE region, contacting the contractor for the new region and completing the required paperwork for enrollment in that region will start the transfer process. The transfer is effective on the day the gaining contractor receives the signed enrollment application agreeing to a transfer of enrollment to the new region, and the patient should contact the new PCM for any required care and follow the referral and authorization rules for the new region. If the beneficiary relocates to an area where Prime is not available, he/she should disenroll and use either TRICARE Standard or Extra. It may take up to 16 working days for the transfer enrollment to be reflected in the gaining region. During this time, it is important for the beneficiaries to understand their current enrollment status and follow the rules for treatment in the new region. Beneficiaries should keep a copy of the completed transfer paperwork, in case the new PCM has a question about the status of the newly transferred enrollee.

To aid in a smooth transfer between regions, it is important for Prime-enrolled retirees and their families to keep their enrollment fees current. Thirty days before enrollment fees are due, the regional TRICARE contractor will contact the responsible individual to make the next installment or annual payment. If payment is not received by the end of the 30-day grace period, the family will be disenrolled retroactive to the date that payment was due. Therefore, it is important that Prime enrollees in the process of moving make sure that payments for enrollment fees are current. If the losing region disenrolls the beneficiaries while they are in the process of moving, claims will process using deductibles and cost shares associated with TRICARE Standard. In addition, Prime enrollees who are disenrolled for failure to pay enrollment fees in a timely manner may be locked out of Prime enrollment for one year.

Once the gaining region receives a request for portability transfer, that region will coordinate with the losing region to update records pertaining to enrollment fees and accumulation of catastrophic cap information. Future enrollment fees will then be invoiced and paid through the gaining region. Before relocating, the Prime enrollee should discuss portability transfer procedures with personnel at the TSC. They can help with any questions or assist in disenrollment if that is your choice.

Questions? You can get answers by contacting the Beneficiary Counseling and Assistance Coordinator located at each military treatment facility or the TRICARE Help E-Mail Service at TRICARE_Help@amedd.army.mil.



TRICARE Enhances Dental Benefits

Under a new five-year dental contract between the Department of Defense and the Delta Dental Plan of California, dental benefits for uniformed services retirees and family members enrolled in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) have been enhanced. As of 1 May 2003, the mandatory enrollment period has been reduced from 24 to 12 months. The annual maximum benefit per enrollee and lifetime maximum benefit for orthodontic care was increased from \$1000 to \$1200. After the mandatory enrollment period ends, eligible enrollees which include uniformed services retirees and their family members; Medal of Honor recipients and their family members; and survivors and family members of deceased retirees or active-duty sponsors who served on active duty for more than 30 consecutive days, may continue their enrollment in the TRDP on a month-to-month basis.

During the mandatory 12-month enrollment period, TRDP enrollees are covered for basic restorative services, periodontics, endodontics, oral surgery and dental emergencies. After 12 months of continuous enrollment, TRDP enrollees are covered for cast crowns, cast restorations, full and partial dentures and orthodontics for adults and children. As an incentive, sponsors and family members who enroll within 120 days of the sponsor's retirement from active duty receive an extra benefit. They and their family members are covered by the enhanced dental services starting the day they enroll. Sponsors and family members who wait and enroll after the 120-day period are not eligible for the enhanced dental services until they complete the mandatory 12 months of continuous TRDP enrollment.

The TRDP is a voluntary dental program with enrollee-paid premiums deducted automatically each month from the sponsor's retired military pay. If retired military pay is not available, sponsors and family members can arrange with Delta Dental to pay the monthly premiums either by mail or an electronic funds transfer. Under the TRDP, there is a \$50 deductible per enrollee, with a \$150 yearly deductible per family. Premiums vary depending on where enrollees live and the number of family members they choose to enroll. During the enrollment period 1 May 2003 to 30 April 2004, enrollees pay approximately \$22 to \$37 a month for single coverage, \$42 to \$71 for two or \$71 to \$120 for a family of three or more.

Dental coverage is available throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands, America Samoa and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Enrollees may seek dental care from any licensed dentist or specialist within the TRDP coverage area. To minimize out-of-pocket expenses, enrollees are encouraged to seek dental care from more than 67,000 participating dental providers. A directory of participating Delta Dental providers is available online at <http://www.ddpdelta.org/>. Retirees and family members may also request a provider directory by calling the Delta Dental Customer Service number at 1-888-838-8737. Additional information is online at www.tricare.osd.mil/dental.

Overseas Prescription Drug Supply Increases



Military retirees who live overseas can now receive prescription drug shipments larger than sixteen ounces. Contracted suppliers for the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP) program can mail a 90-day supply of prescription drugs,

due to the exception to policy that would otherwise limit the weight of the packages. This military postal system exception to policy, which was implemented on 21 May 2003, is limited to prescription medication shipments and no other supplies or programs are authorized under this policy. Currently, Express-Scripts, Inc. is the only authorized TMOP contracted supplier.

Support Your Nearest RAO!



Each Retired Activities Office (RAO) is manned by a volunteer staff, usually comprised of military retirees, spouses, widows and widowers. Among the types of assistance they provide may include obtaining or replacing ID cards, addressing TRICARE issues and completing documents required for submission of VA claims. Additionally, RAOs sponsor events to include annual Retiree Appreciation Days, which may include presentations, information booths and workshops.

If you are interested in volunteering for a RAO nearest you, contact one of the following:

MCAS Yuma Arizona -

POC: Rachel Outlaw, (928) 269-5616

MCLB Barstow California -

POC: Kerry Snipes, (229) 639-5277

MCAGCC Twentynine Palms California -

(760) 830-7550

MCB Camp Pendleton California -

POC: Veronica Laegent, (760) 725-3771

MCRD San Diego California -

POC: Pat Barmley, (619) 524-5728

MCAS Miramar California -

POC: Marvin Muskat, (619) 537-4099

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MCAS/MCRD South Carolina -

(843) 525-3791

Retiree Seminars

The latest news awaits you at a retiree seminar. While guest speakers provide the latest updates on matters of importance, you are free to visit one of the many vendor stands to obtain printed materials or attend a workshop that is provided by representatives from various government and local agencies. At the time the *Semper Fidelis* went to press, the following retiree events were submitted for inclusion:

California: 10th annual retiree expo at the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton on 13 Sept. 2003, 0830-1300, South Mesa Club. Guest speakers on TRICARE benefits and legislative updates. More than 30 vendors in attendance; lunch available for a small fee. Call (760) 725-9791 for directions or more information.

In joint partnership with the RAOs from Navy Southwest Regional San Diego and the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, a retired military personnel seminar will be held on 1 Nov. 2003, 0830-1400, at the Depot Theater, MCRD, San Diego. Contact the RAO at (619) 524-5301 or (619) 556-8987.

Florida: The RAO at NAS Jacksonville will hold their 31st retiree seminar, 13 Sept. 2003, at the Officers' Club (River Cove Catering and Conference Center) from 0900-1530. Anticipate four presentations on legislative updates, the Survivor's Benefit Plan, TRICARE for Life and the Long Term Care Insurance Program; numerous booths also available.

Louisiana: The New Orleans retiree information fair will be held on 20 Sept. 2003, 0800-1130, at the Navy Support Activity Gymnasium. POC: CDR Wayne L. Johnson, USNR (Ret), (504) 678-2134, johnsowa@nsa.nola.navy.mil; specify number in your group.

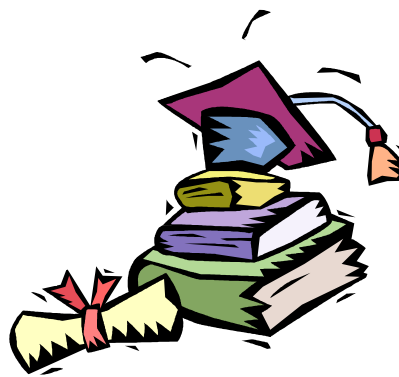
New York: The retiree sub-council's appreciation day will be held on 20 Sept. 2003, at the 32nd Degree Masonic Community Center, 2379 Union Rd.,

Cheektowaga (Fort Drum - Erie/Niagara area). POC: Col Richard H. Peters, 110 Kingsbury Ln., Tonawanda, N.Y. 14150-7200.

South Carolina: The Tri-Command RAO will hold its annual retiree appreciation day at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island on 10 Oct. 2003, at 0830. The day will include a tour of the training facility, a "double" Marine graduation ceremony and a meal with Marines at the dining facility. POC: MCAS Beaufort, (843) 228-7351 by 1600 on 7 Oct. or e-mail owenstl@beaufort.usmc.mil.

Financial Assistance for Undergraduate Studies

The Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation provides financial assistance in the form of scholarships to deserving sons and daughters of current or former United States Marines, and to deserving sons and daughters of current or former United States Navy Corpsmen who have served with the United States Marine Corps, in their pursuit of higher education. The scholarships are limited to undergraduate studies at accredited educational/technical institutions. In May 2003, the foundation authorized over \$1.5 million in scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year. This is the 12th consecutive year that the foundation has authorized over \$1 million in scholarships. For more information, visit www.marine-scholars.org.





Your Letters

After the *Semper Fidelis* hits the street, we know it immediately because of the influx of calls and letters that follow. The *Your Letters* column was created to share a sampling of what we're reading. Your letters are subject to editing for space purposes and clarity and we will not run names unless permission is granted to do so.

Some ranks are still incorrect. A retiree wrote: "Is this the new abbreviation (SGTMJ) for Sergeant Major? You're getting close. Add the letter 'A' and we'll be home free." The long anticipated rank correction has not been resolved and continues to generate concern. To make matters worse, some of the rank abbreviations are incorrect. Our point of contact told us using the rank of Captain as an example, that the rank is abbreviated to "CPTE" for those who retired as an O3, but receive additional pay because of previous enlisted service. So, what about the other ranks such as Sergeant Major that are now abbreviated differently? Know that we are working on it...

Believe it or not, some ranks have been corrected. Recently, a reader wrote in part, "Thanks for changing the LtCol [rank] to Col...Some of us retirees got what was called 'tombstone' promotions because of decorations..."

The 1099R. Military retirees receive a 1099R, not a leave and earning statement as was misstated in the last issue of *Semper Fidelis* on page 7. The myPay people at DFAS wanted you to know...

Directory Assistance Column is Long in the Tooth. As you may have noticed, our *Directory Assistance Pages* has grown by leaps and bounds. While we would like to accommodate every request to run a permanent listing in the *Directory Assistance Pages*, we can no longer do so because we are restricted to 24 pages per issue. We will rotate listings as needed to ensure space is available for articles on your rights, benefits and privileges as a retired Marine.

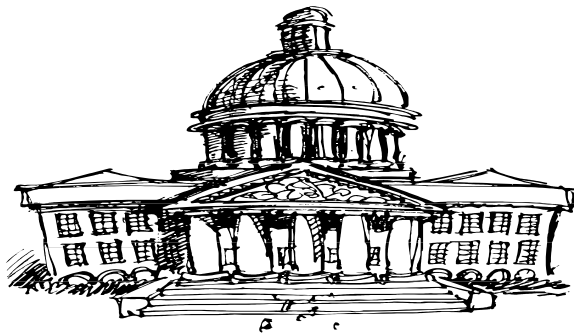
Requests for Marine Corps recipes. The cookie recipe that ran in the last issue generated a request for a breakfast dish. We were referred to a Marine Corps homepage that was unavailable at the time this issue went to press. It contains many recipes [we were told] and will provide the link as soon as it becomes available.

MCCS Partners with the Government Armed Forces Travel Cooperative to Offer Discounted Travel Opportunities

The Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS) has established a partnership with the Government Armed Forces Cooperative (GAFTC) to provide a wide range of discounted travel opportunities to active-duty and Reserve personnel, military retirees and Department of Defense employees and their family members. "This program gives our authorized patrons access to significantly discounted travel opportunities," said Dave Overbagh, program manager for MCCS Information, Tickets and Travel (ITT) Section. "Using this program is also beneficial to MCCS because vendors pay a commission for every booking placed by Marines. That money goes directly back into MCCS programs for Marines and their families at the local base level."

The GAFTC web site, <http://www.govarm.com>, allows users to shop for hotel rooms, airline tickets, car rentals, cruises, golf packages and travel insurance. The website features access to more than 50,000 hotels, hundreds of airlines, 24 car rental companies, all major cruise lines, 400 golf vacations and the leading travel insurance companies in the world. Visitors to govarm.com may also access a "friendly friendly" travel guide, which identifies source hotels and resorts that specifically cater to families with infants, young children, teens and pets, by offering special vacation packages, accommodations and activities. For more information, visit govarm.com or contact your local ITT Office located at your nearest Marine Corps installation.





Legislative Updates

<http://thomas.loc.gov>

H.R.58: A bill to restore health care coverage to retired members of the uniformed services.

SPONSOR: Rep. Chet Edwards introduced 7 Jan. 03
LATEST MAJOR ACTION: Referred to House committee/subcommittee actions.

***STATUS:** *Executive Comment requested from DoD.*
 188 co-sponsors

H.R.241: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to repeal the two-year limitation on the payment of accrued benefits that are due and unpaid by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs upon the death of a veteran or other beneficiary under laws administered by the Secretary.

SPONSOR: Rep. Christopher H. Smith introduced 8 Jan. 03
LATEST MAJOR ACTION: House committee/subcommittee actions.
***STATUS:** *Forwarded by Subcommittee to Full Committee by Unanimous Consent.* 13 co-sponsors

This bill would allow family members of veterans who died while awaiting VA claims decisions to receive back benefits for the entire time the claim was being processed. It would eliminate a two-year cap on the amount of back benefits family members can receive.

H.R.303: A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability to receive both military retired pay by reason of their years of military service and disability compensation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for their disability.

SPONSOR: Rep. Michael Bilirakis introduced 8 Jan. 03
LATEST MAJOR ACTION: Referred to House subcommittee.

***STATUS:** *Referred to the Subcommittee on Benefits.*
 345 co-sponsors

Note: On 12 June 2003, a motion was filed to discharge the Rules Committee from consideration of H.Res.251. H.Res.251 provides for the consideration of H.R.303. A discharge petition requires 218 signatures for further action.

H.R.1111: A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to revise the rules relating to the court-ordered apportionment of the retired pay of members of the uniformed services to former spouses, and for other purposes.

SPONSOR: Rep. Cass Ballenger introduced 6 Mar. 03
LATEST MAJOR ACTION: House committee/subcommittee actions.

***STATUS:** *Executive Comment requested from DoD.*
 19 co-sponsors

H.R.1167: A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit remarried surviving spouses of veterans to be eligible for burial in a national cemetery.

SPONSOR: Rep. Heather Wilson introduced 6 Mar. 03
LATEST MAJOR ACTION: House committee/subcommittee actions.

***STATUS:** *Subcommittee hearings held.*
 17 co-sponsors

***REFLECTS UPDATES TO LEGISLATION.**

Have online access?

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Second Career

Do you have a job opportunity for a retired Marine? If so, we are looking for corporate employment opportunities only to run in this column. Include a brief job description, point of contact and send it to MMSR-6. We will run "Second Career" opportunities on a space-available basis. Neither the United States Marine Corps, nor any other component of DoD endorses the employment opportunities that are published in this column.

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(from USA): 011-81-611-722-9578
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(from USA): 011-81-6117-53-3221
(within Japan): 08927-21-4171, ext. 3221
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(see Okinawa for contact information)

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Instructor vacancies are regularly added to MCJROTC's web site. You may also download application forms, review the curriculum and locations and read about the history of the program. Active-duty personnel may request certification for the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps one year before their retirement date and by retired Marines who have been in a retired status for less than three years. There are no exceptions! For additional information, contact:

Commanding General
Training and Education Command (C 46JR)
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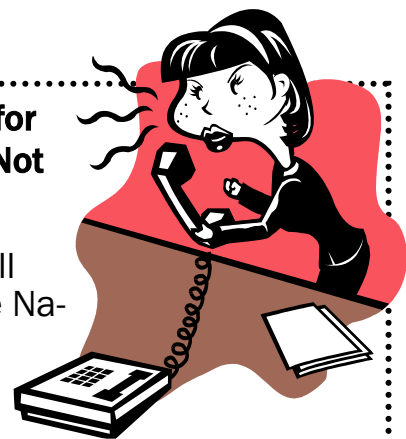
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Keep your reunions brief and write clearly. To run a Navy reunion, however, you must specify an applicable Marine detachment; otherwise, write: Navy Personnel Command, Shift Colors (PERS-05), 5720 Integrity Dr., Millington, Tenn. 38055-0500. Send your reunion notices to the Editor (MMSR-6).

Note: Incoming postal mail is inspected and treated, which is a time-consuming process. As a result, we may not receive your reunion in time for publication. Please keep this in mind when submitting your reunion notices for inclusion in this column.

Air Base Group (WWII #19) in St. Louis, Mo., 7-12 Oct. 2003. POC: Vera or Clarence Nelson, 221-33 N. El Camino Real, Oceanside, Calif. 92054-1738, (760) 433-5367, cmn1923@yahoo.com or vgn1919@yahoo.com.

Aviation Logistics Marines (formerly Aviation Supply Marines) in Norfolk, Va., 9-12 Oct. 2003. POC: Don Davis, ALM, P.O. Box 293, Havelock, N.C. 28532, (252) 444-1777, Grevegl@ec.rr.com.

A-1-1- USMC (Korea 1950-53) in Hood River, Ore., 18-20 Sept. 2003. POC: Bob Nippolt, P.O. Box 207, 9 Fordyce Rd., Husum, Wash., 98623-0207, (509) 493-4338.

A/1/7 Marine Corps Assn. (Korea 1950-53) in Oklahoma City, Okla., 1-5 Oct. 2003. POC: Harold "Muley" Mulhausen, 6405 S. Douglas Ave., Oklahoma City, Okla. 73139-7351, (405) 632-7351, hmuleym@aol.com.

Basic Class 4-65 is planning a reunion during 2004. POC: Bill Jeffrey, 315882 Rein Ct., Green Oaks, Ill. 60048, (847) 367-4986, biljoyjoe@aol.com

B-1-5 Baker Bandits in Bedford, Mass., 17-21 Sept. 2003. POC: Ozzie Stack, 30 Drummer Ln., Westerfield, Conn. 06109, (860) 529-1708, astack01@snet.net.

Combined Action Program (CAP) in Washington, D.C., 6-11 Nov. 2003. POC: Lenny Pugliese, (718) 494-2398, lenny.pugliese@verizon.net.

D-2-5 1st Provisional Marine Brigade and 1st Marine Div. (Korea 1950-53) in Des Moines, Iowa, 25-27 Sept. 2003. POC: Doug Bell, P.O. Box 253, Tahuya, Wash. 98533, (360) 275-4700, dougbell25@webtv.net.

First Marine Air Wing Assn. (Vietnam) in New Orleans, La., 25-28 Sept. 2003. POC: Embassy Suites Hotel, 315 Julia St., New Orleans, La. 70130, (504) 525-1993, topsgt@marinecorps.com. Registration form at <http://firstmaw.homestead.com/page5.html>.

Former Marines of the Marine Corps Exchanges (PX), Clubs and auditors at Camp Pendleton, Calif., 4-6 Sept. 2003. POC: H.K. Hammer, (909) 301-8778, e-mail: hkhammer@aol.com, B. Jeffries, (760) 758-0245, brianjeffries@cox.net or B. Warren, (949) 770-2877, bornwarren@aol.com.

Fox Co., 2nd Bn., 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Div. (F-2-5) in Quantico, Va., 17-21 Sept. 2003. POCs: Harold "Mike" Michael, 153 Clapboard Ridge Rd., Danbury, Conn. 06811-3634, (203) 748-5154, hnmich@snet.net or Lucian L. "Lou" Vestal, 2784 Moss Oak Dr., Sarasota, Fla. 34231, (941) 923-0088, fax: (941) 925-2833, vestalll@aol.com.

G Co., TBS Class 5-65 in Quantico, Va., 14-17 Aug. 2003. POC: BGen George Walls, USMC (Ret), 100 Canberra Ct., Cary, N.C. 27513, (919) 460-4588, reunion565@yahoo.com.

Gray Ghosts VMF(N)(AW)(A)-531 in Havelock, N.C., 23-26 Oct. 2003. POC: Al Berndt, 115 Smith Cir., Havelock, N.C. 28532-2029, corecreek@mail.clis.com.

G/3/1 (Korea 1950-53) in Arlington, Va., 10-14 Sept. 2003. POC: J. Camarillo, 19 Stanislaus Ave., Ventura, Calif. 93004-1147, camarilloj@vccs.k12.ca.us.

G-3-5, 1st Prov. Mar. Brig/Div. (Jul-Sept 1950, Korea) in Seattle, Wash., 24-27 Sept. 2003. POC: Frank Scialdone, 4665B Los Alamos Way, Oceanside, Calif. 92057, (760) 726-3350, fax: (760) 726-3349.

H-3-1 Korea in Branson, Mo., 8-12 Oct. 2003. POC: Jack Dedrick, 10 Donna St., Peabody, Mass. 01960, (978) 535-5451, jfdedrick@aol.com.

Guantanamo Bay Cuba reunion in Colorado Springs, Colo., 7-11 Sept. 2003. POC: Stanley Hunt, 5944 Glasgow Rd., Sylvania, Ohio 43560-1411, (419) 882-1723.

Kanehoe Bay Marine Corps Air Station is planning a reunion for those who were stationed there between 1956-1961. POC: Oliver E. Copeland, 5309 Roberta Ln., Temple Terrace, Fla. 33617, (813) 984-8208, oecljr@aol.com or William Chandler, 369 Lorenzo Dr., Spring Hill, Fla. 34608.

Looking for military personnel who were stationed in Morocco (any era) for Sept. 2003 in El Cajon, Calif. POC: Lennie Brooks, (619) 442-4493, Len-nieb89@cox.net.

Marine Air Traffic Assn. in Rapid City, S.D., 14-21 Sept. 2003. POC: Bob and Marlene Young, 14846 397th Ave., Stratford, S.D. 57474, (605) 382-5247, mudcreek@nvc.net.

Marine Corps Air Transport Assn., 15th reunion at Calloway Gardens, Ga. POC: Grady Loveless, (706) 882-8653, majgel@mindspring.com or Con Shuck, (972) 293-2670, conshuck@mcata.com.

Marine Corps Combat Correspondents Assn. in Las Vegas, Nev., 20-24 Aug. 2003. POC: Don H. Gee, 238 Cornwall Cir., Chalfont, Pa. 18914-2318, (215) 822-6898, USMCCCA@aol.com.

Marine Corps Engineer Assn., 11th reunion in Harrisburg, Pa., 1-5 Oct. 2003. POC: MCEA, P.O. Box 566, Jacksonville, N.C. 28541 or George Hillebrand, (910) 346-8808.

Marine Corps Mustang Assn. in San Francisco, Calif., 12-16 Oct. 2003. POC: Bill Max, P.O. Box 1314, Delran, N.J. 08075, 1-800-321-USMC, topmustang@aol.com.

Marine Corps Tankers Assn. in Louisville, Ky., 15-18 Sept. 2003. POC: Red Saunders, (760) 434-5402.

Marine/Navy Paratroops (WW II) in Las Vegas, Nev., 14-16 Oct. 2003. POC: Col D. E. Severance, USMC (Ret), P.O. Box 1972, La Jolla, Calif. 92038.

Marine Raider Assn. (WWII) in San Diego, Calif., 17-21 Sept. 2003. POC: Steve Kilos, (773) 334-0506, tbklos@aol.com.

Marine Security Guard, American Embassy (Saigon, Vietnam) in New Orleans, La., 10-13 Sept. 2003. POC: Mike Bertini, P.O. Box 295, Jacksonville, N.C. 28541, (910) 353-7377.

Marine Security Guard, Mexico City (1958-62) in Biloxi, Miss, planning stages for fall 2004. POC: 1st Sgt Joe Demoran, USMC (Ret), 625 Livingston St., LaCrosse, Wisc. 54603, (608) 779-4546, joedemusmc@aol.com.

Marine TD Personnel at Branson, Mo., 23-26 Oct. 2003. POC: Harry Null, 1534 E. Stormy Dr., Meridian, Idaho 83642, (208) 884-3812, RedReva@aol.com or L.B. Rogers, (910) 253-5698, lbrodgc@aol.com.

MB NAS NAMTC Point Mugu in Branson, Mo., 3-5 Oct. 2003. POC: A. Smallenberger, 8816 N. Oak, Kansas City, Mo. 64155, (816) 436-6493.

MTACS-2, MASS-2, MASRT-1, MACG-2, MABS-2, MACS-2, MAWG-2, MGCIS-19 in Las Vegas, Nev., 16-19 Oct. 2003. POC: Jim Palmer, (707) 822-3323, mtacs-2@humboldt1.com or George Macartie, 11066 Red Robin Pl., San Diego, Calif. 92126, (858) 566-5303.

Navy Lithographers Assn. in Millington, Tenn., 15-18 Oct. 2003. POC: Julian Dracon, 6671 S. Race Circle W., Centennial, Colo. 80121-2730, (303) 795-5350, jiffy@rmi.net.

Navy Nuclear Weapons Assn. in Branson, Mo., 9-12 Oct. 2003. POC: Paulette Picoult, Rt. 6, Box 266, McAlester, Okla. 74501, (918) 426-5904, paulettepicoult@webtv.net.

Officers Basic School Class 3-56 (Cos. E, F, G) in Arlington, Va., 20-23 May 2004. POC: Brad McDonald, (703) 536-4418, ABMCDONAL7@aol.com or Reed Phillips, (703) 780-3615, reedphill@aol.com.

OCS 8/73 – TBS 2/74, 30 yrs., Lieutenants, SPCs. If interested in a reunion contact Leo Blosschock at lbloscho@sccost.net.

Saigon Marine Security Guards/Department of State personnel in New Orleans, La., 10-14 Sept. 2003. POC: Jack and Karen Futch, (361) 729-1408, pitexas@aol.com.

Squadron 235 (all eras), VMSB, VMF, VMF (AW) and VMFA-235, 15th annual reunion in New Bern, N.C., 23-26 Oct. 2003, in coordination with the MCAA Symposium. POC: Tom O'Rourke, 4548 Bayou Ct., Orange Beach, Ala. 36561, (251) 981-1221, (251) 980-1221, thor@gulfnet.com or visit www.vmf235.com.

Special Basic Courses (SBCs in Quantico, Va., 1949-53), Korean War-era USMC Officers reunion in Pensacola, Fla., 28-30 Oct. POC: Class Events, P.O. Box 175, Greenville, S.C. 29602, (864) 234-5566, classevents@juno.com.

"Stormy" Sexton's 3/3 also BLT 3/3 from Okinawa 1961-62 reunion in Portland, Ore., 8-12 Oct. 2003. POC: Col. Roger Holtzapple, USMCR (Ret), 228 N. 11th St., Lewisburg, Pa. 17837, (570) 524-7267 (work) or (570) 524-7424 (home), vhhford@ptdprolog.net.

Subic Bay in Subic Bay/Olongapo, Philippines for those who served in the Subic Bay/Olongapo/Clark Airfield. Reunion held in the Philippines, 17-27 Oct. 2003. POC: Judy Buzzell, 4600 Duke St., Alexandria Va., 22304, (703) 212-0695, info@subicbayreunion.com or visit www.subicbayreunion.com.

Subic Bay Marines, Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Philippine Islands, 11th annual reunion in Port Angeles, Wash., 10-14 Sept. 2003. POC: Jim Bassett, 3417 Las Vegas Dr., Oceanside, Calif. 92054-3830, (760) 757-3836, jimsbm@nctimes.net.

USMC Motor Transport Assn. in Niagara Falls, N.Y., 14-17 Sept. 2003. POC: Hal Clapp, P.O. Box 1372, Jacksonville, N.C. 28541-1372, (910) 346-8797, usmcmta@vol.com.

USMC Postal Assn. (0160-0161) in Charleston, S.C., 12-16 Oct. 2003. POCs: MSgt Harold Wilson USMC (Ret), 11567 Walker Rd., Logan, Ohio 43138 (740) 385-6204, crafter@voyager.net or Capt H.B. Jones, USMC (Ret), P.O. Box 100, Battiest, Okla. 74722, (580) 241-7850, buck@pine-net.com.

USMC VMF-155 (WWII) in Kansas City, Mo., 18-20 Sept. 2003. POC: Ed Dies, 212 E. 23rd, Hays, Kans. 67601-2817, (785) 628-8044.

U.S.S. Blue Ridge MARCOMDET (1992-94). POC: nfbroussard@teacher.esc4.com.

U.S.S. Bremerton CA-130/SSN-698 in Charleston, S.C., 14-19 Sept. 2003. POC: R.F. Polanowski, 5996

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U.S.S. Canberra CA-70/CAG-2 who served aboard from the ship's commissioning (1943 to 1971) in St. Louis, Mo., 8-11 Oct. 2003. POCs: Bryan L. Humphrey, 7 Spruce Cir., Ocean Pines, Md. 21811, (410) 208-4911, kandokangaroo@mchsi.com or Kenneth C. Minick, 2115 Pride Ave., Belpre, Ohio 45714-1113, (740) 423-8976, kcm4@charter.net.

U.S.S. Charles Lawrence DE-53/APD-37, 15th annual reunion at Virginia Beach, Va., 7-10 Oct. 2003. POC: H.B. Cranford, 2463 Bear Den Rd., Frederick, Md. 21701, (301) 620-4045, hbc-de-53@attglobal.net.

U.S.S. Columbia (CL-56) in Philadelphia, Pa., 18-21 Sept. 2003. POC: Bill Bohne, 248 Worrell Dr., Springfield, Pa. 19064, (610) 543-9073, usncl56@cs.com.

U.S.S. Elokomin A0-55 in St. Augustine, Fla., planning stages. POC: Robert F. O'Sullivan, Jr., 25 Denny St., Dorchester, Mass. 02125, (617) 288-3755, theeloman@aol.com.

U.S.S. Forrestal CVA/CV/AVT-59 annual reunion in Virginia Beach, Va., 23-28 Sept. 2003. POC: Jim Stewart, 21 Viburnum Ln., Levittown, Pa. 19054-1307, (215) 943-7626, 1-888-434-5955, fax: (215) 295-0260, forestaal-cva59@juno.com.

U.S.S. Francis Marion APA-LPA 249 in Norfolk, Va., 16-19 Oct. 2003. POC: Bob Martin, 16 Staples St., Melrose, Ma. 02176, (781) 665-9222, tinman61@juno.com.

U.S.S. Indiana BB-58 in Norfolk, Va., 16-20 Oct. 2003. POC: MSgt Albert J. Vicarelli, P.O. Box 620, Cutchogue, N.Y. 11935, (631) 734-5001.

U.S.S. Iwo Jima LPH2/LHD7 in Norfolk/Virginia Beach, Va., 16-19 Oct. 2003. POC: Robert G. McAnally, 38B Frissell St., Hampton, Va. 23663, 1-866-237-3137, fax: (757) 249-0900 (Attn: McAnally), yujack@megalink.net.

U.S.S. Juneau CL-119 in Woodfield, Ill., 3-7 Sept. 2003. POC: William S. Gerichten, 141 Pinelawn Dr., Kernersville, N.C. 27284, (336) 993-5415.

U.S.S. Lowndes APA-154 15th annual reunion in Biloxi, Miss., 2-5 Oct. 2003. POC: William "Bud" Kautz, 34782 Hiawatha Trail, McHenry, Ill. 60050, (815) 344-6326, redlabelbuddha@aol.com.

U.S.S. Miami CL-89 in King of Prussia, Pa., 21-24 Sept. 2003. POC: Jim Duff, 9 Driftwood Ln., Berlin, Md. 21811, (410) 641-8010, ejduff@aol.com.

U.S.S. Norris DD-DDE 859, 23-26 Oct. 2003 in Dallas, Texas. POC: Edward Mehl, 11 Bethany Forest Dr., Dagsboro, Del. 19939, (302) 541-0685, ussnorris@erols.com.

U.S.S. Sibley APA 206 Assn. in Tulsa, Okla., 17-20 Sept. 2003. POC: Stephen Barnes, 109 Beard, Ste. 108, P.O. Box 41, Poteau, Okla. 74953, (918) 649-0675.

U.S.S. Soley DD 707 in Louisville, Ky., 8-12 Oct. 2003. POC: Eugene Blum, 6749 San Benito Way, Buena Park, Calif. 90620-3741, (714) 527-4925, eblum3@juno.com.

U.S.S. Turner DD/DDR-834, 12th annual reunion in Mobile, Ala., 17-21 Sept. 2003. POC: Dick Shanaberger, 2130 Salisbury St., York, Pa. 17404-1013, (717) 764-3834. Visit <http://hometown.aol.com/turn834/index.htm>.

VMA (AW) 225 Vikings Danang, RVN, 1969 is planning their 35th anniversary reunion in 2004, Memphis, Tenn. POC: Tim Murphy, 8921 Mountain Valley Rd., Fairfax Station, Va. 22039, (703) 679-3471, timurphy@caci.com.

1st Marine Corps Warrant Officer Class (1960) in Arlington, Va., 20-26 Aug. 2003. POC: Charley Demeo, (703) 866-0882, charleyd.jo@starpower.net.

1st MarDiv., 7th Marine Regt., 2nd Bn., Easy Co. (Korea 1950-54) in Tunica, Miss. POC: Troy Watson, (972) 716-9928, tsw8433@yahoo.com or Chuck Tidwell, (843) 650-7082, Chubar84@aol.com.

1st WOC, 3rd reunion in Arlington, Va., 20-24 Aug. 2003. POC: Luke Guthrie, (864) 457-4903, Charley DeMeo (703) 866-0882 or Charlie Long, (321) 633-6178.

3d 155 Howitzer Battery and M-4-12 3d Marine Div. in Las Vegas, Nev., 22-25 Sept. 2003. POC: Paul Christensen, 208 3rd Ave., S.E., Belmond, Iowa 50421, (641) 444-4431.

7th Defense/AAA Bn. in Tampa, Fla., 3-7 Sept. 2003. POC: Fred Doyle, Jr., 3628 Ellen Dr., Salem, Va. 34153, (540) 380-4713, doylemarine25@webtv.net.

7th Engineer Bn. (Rein), First Marine Div., FMF Pacific 96602 (Vietnam 1965-71) in Carlsbad, Calif., 25-28 Sept. 2003. POC: Mike Moran, (847) 884-9433, mikemoranusmc@aol.com.

7th ResOffCI/4th CandCI in Palm Springs, Calif., 2-6 Nov. 2003. POC: Frank Bacon, 236 Gordon Hwy., Milledgeville, Ga. 31061, (478) 452-4157, bacmar@alltel.net.

12th Def. Bn., 50th annual reunion in El Paso, Texas, 2-4 Oct. 2003. POCs: Ray Bonar, (505) 523-0583, Charles Clay (580) 248-0251 or Harold Handley (310) 375-4867.

26th SBC (1953-54) in Dumfries, Va. POC: William O. Lenihan, Esq., 10 Park Ave., #8B, New York, N.Y. 10016, (203) 972-7655, odonel@msn.com.

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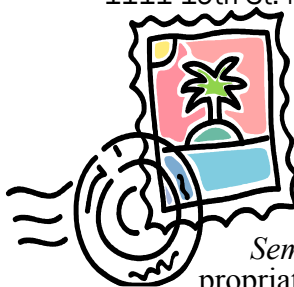
Need a copy of a report showing a birth, marriage or death? Usually it's a simple matter of writing or visiting the county courthouse. But what if the event took place in a foreign country as is the case among many members of the military community?

Not quite so simple, but not impossible and the U.S. Department of State is the place to go. Unfortunately, not all of those concerned are aware of the procedures. Those with online access can visit www.travel.state.gov. Under "Services," click on "Certificate of birth, death and marriage." That takes the searcher to a page titled, "Birth, death and marriage records" and the clickable "Apply for a copy of a report issued by an American embassy or consulate showing that a U.S. citizen was born, married or died while abroad." You will be directed to "Consular reports of birth, death and marriage on file with the Department of State." There you will find the address of where to write, the cost and additional information including a form that can be downloaded for completion.

Those who do not have online access may write:

U.S. Department of State
Passport Services, Vital Records Section
1111 19th St. N.W., Suite 510
Washington, D.C. 20524

Address Changes Are Your Responsibility!



Let's face it, people relocate. If you want to continue receiving the *Semper Fidelis*, you have to let the appropriate personnel know. Retired Marines and annuitants can do this by notifying one of the following:

- ☆ *Defense Finance and Accounting Service:*
1-800-321-1080 or (216) 522-5955
- ☆ *Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps (MMSR-7):*
1-800-715-0968 or (703) 784-9317

Even if you're receiving your pay electronically, your correspondence account with DFAS must be current so that you will receive account statements, distributions from pensions, insurance contracts, Form 1099s and more. Retired Marines with Internet access may also submit address changes online; turn to page 23 for more information.

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The Marine Corps wishes to extend heartfelt sympathy to the loved ones and friends of our fallen comrades. Because of the Privacy Act, we cannot release addresses of the next of kin. Unfortunately, the database was unavailable to provide MOS information was not available at the time the *Semper Fidelis* went to press.

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Cline, Richard W. LtCol Dec 68/Jun 03
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 Johnson, A. GySgt Feb 61/Jun 03
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How to Report a Death for the Taps Column

Contact DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 to report a retired Marine's death. The names that you have read in the *Taps* column have been verified by DFAS. They provide recurrent death listings to MMSR-6 for inclusion here.



When you notify MMSR-6 of a death for inclusion in *Taps*, you may delay the process because the death information must be verified before it can be published in *Semper Fidelis*. Because the volume of incoming death notifications to MMSR-6 may significantly delay inclusion of your loved one's name in this column, make DFAS your first point of contact.

Steps to Take When a Retiree Dies

- ☆ **Notify DFAS of the death.** Stopping retirement pay immediately is critical to avoid indebtedness. If the retired Marine was receiving pay from another source due to a disability or civil service retirement, contact the appropriate agency to return the payment. If you fail to do this, you will have to repay it later. DFAS contact information is on page 5 under "Pay Issues."
- ☆ **Survivor Benefit Plan election.** Designated annuitants will receive notification from DFAS if the deceased retired Marine elected the SBP.
- ☆ **Update your military identification card.** Doing so will reflect the change in status to a survivor's ID card. Contact your nearest ID card issuing site or MMSR-6 at 1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310.
- ☆ **Burial benefits.** The Department of Veterans Affairs provides information on burial benefits. Contact your nearest VA representative by calling 1-800-827-1000.

Required documents to claim death benefits may include:

- ☆ DD 214s,
- ☆ Birth and death certificates,
- ☆ Beneficiary information (marriage license and/or divorce decree),
- ☆ Updated will and letter of instructions,
- ☆ Financial information with account numbers,
- ☆ Adoption or naturalization documents, if applicable and
- ☆ Disposition instructions for the body.

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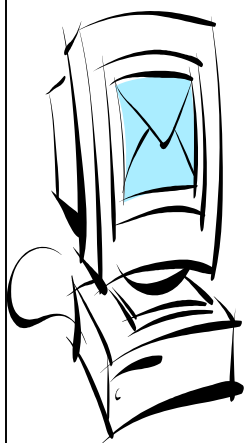
Notify DFAS immediately. Refer to page 5 under "Pay Issues" for contact information. Include the annuitant's and the retired member's SSN on any written correspondence to DFAS. If death notification is by telephone, have readily available the SSN of the deceased annuitant and retired member, the annuitant's date of death and the name, address and telephone number of the next of kin or other contact; also specify who will send a copy of the death certificate.

Avoid Indebtedness to DFAS!



Retired and annuitant pay ends the month before the date of death. DFAS will contact the bank directly to recover electronic payments.

This rule also applies for payments from other sources such as the VA or civil service.



Change Your Address Online!

If you are a member of any reserve component, retired from either active duty or the reserves, on the TDRL/PDRL or a member of the FMCR, you may enter your address change online, or if you prefer, you may print and mail it to MMSR-7. Go to www.usmc.mil. Note that it may take several seconds (or even longer) before you will see ten links to the right of the slogan, "The Few. The Proud." Select the links marked, "CAREER" and "RETIRED." You should then see the link, "Update Address" in the far right column. If all else fails, you may call MMSR-7 at 1-800-715-0968 to change your address by telephone.

Shades of Green Now to Open in March 2004

The refurbished Armed Forces Recreation Center Shades of Green on Walt Disney World Resort won't open till 1 March 2004, instead of the originally planned 15 Dec. 2003, date. Unexpected construction delays caused officials to move the date back 76 days, according to Peter F. Isaacs, chief operating officer at the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. The Army serves as the executive agent, operating AFRCs for DoD.

Shades of Green General Manager Jim McCrindle personally signed more than 2,200 letters to guests already booked at Shades of Green, informing them of the delay. "We're genuinely sorry for the delay, but it was unavoidable," he said. Guests who already hold reservations are offered three options:

1. Keep the same vacation dates for 2004 at the same room rates guaranteed in 2003,
2. Keep their vacation dates for 2003 at a comparable Disney Resort at the same room rates plus the applicable state tax of 11% or
3. Cancel the existing reservation and receive a full refund.

The renovation and expansion project that began in April 2002 was driven by high demand that kept the original 288 rooms at or near 100% occupancy. The hotel is financially self-sufficient, and no taxpayer dollars are used in the operations or for the new construction. When it reopens, there will be 586 new or renovated rooms, 500 new covered parking spaces and 7,500 square feet for special events.

Rates are computed on a sliding scale based on rank. The Armed Forces Recreation Center is open to DoD ID card holders in all branches of military service: active duty and reserve components, DoD civilians, both military and civilian DoD retirees and their families. For more information, visit <http://www.shadesofgreen.org/> or call 1-888-593-2242.

2003 DFAS Retired Pay Dates

2 Jan., 3 Feb., 3 March, 1 April, 1 May,
2 June, 1 July, 1 Aug., 2 Sept., 1 Oct.,
3 Nov., 1 Dec.

Mail dates are not listed because the checks are mailed in increments according to ZIP codes. DFAS retired pay dates are scheduled for the first weekday of each month.

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2003 Cost-of-Living Adjustment: 1.4% increase in January 2003

Partial for pre-8 Sept. 1980 entrants retired during 2002: 1.4%

Partials for pre-8 Sept. 1980 entrants retired during the applicable calendar quarters:

January-March: 1.4%
April-June: 1.4%
July-September: .5%
October-December: 0%

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Social Security Benefits: 1.4% increase in January 2003

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VA Benefits: 1.4% increase in January 2003

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Need to Update Your Address?

- ☆ **Retirees:** You may also make address changes online (turn to page 23 for instructions) or call MMSR-7 at 1-800-715-0968! *This also applies to members of the Individual Ready Reserve.*
- ☆ **Annuitants:** Call DFAS at 1-800-321-1080 to report any address changes.

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NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Contact the Retired Activities Section (MMSR-6) at
1-800-336-4649 or (703) 784-9310

We provide support to retired Marines, Marine veterans, their family members and survivors. In addition to publishing the Semper Fidelis, functions include:

1. Administering the SBP, SSBP and RCSBP;
2. Providing direct and indirect support through phone calls, interviews, e-mail and formal correspondence;
3. Publishing the Marine Corps Retirement Guide;
4. Certifying applications for military ID cards for retirees, veterans and their family members;
5. Maintaining liaison with the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council and attending annual meetings with committee members;
6. Monitoring and supporting the Retired Marine Appreciation Days/Seminars;
7. Making initial determination of benefit eligibility (not involving pay matters) for former spouses of active duty and retired Marines;
8. Processing requests for foreign employment and
9. Interacting and coordinating with internal and external DoD, government and veterans' affairs departments and agencies about retiree issues.